

Appl. No.: 10/084568
Amdt. Dated: May 13, 2004
Reply to Office Action of: February 13, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-34 have been canceled. New claims 35-40 have been added.

Claims 1-34 were rejected for statutory double patenting. The rejected claims have been canceled. New claims 35-40 differ from the rejected claims, and are believed to be allowable on the same or similar basis as the claims in the parent case. Thus the statutory double patenting rejection is no longer applicable, and the claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is necessary to make this Reply timely. Should applicant be in error, applicant respectfully requests that the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) as necessary to make this Reply timely, and hereby authorizes the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.

Please direct any questions or comments to Gregory V. Bean at 607-974-2698.

13 May 2004
Date

| |
|---|
| <p><u>CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION</u> <u>UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8</u></p> <p>I hereby certify that this paper and any papers referred to herein are being transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at 703-872-9306 on:</p> <p><u>13 May 2004</u> Date</p> <p><u>Gregory V. Bean</u> Date</p> |
|---|

Respectfully submitted,
CORNING INCORPORATED

Gregory V. Bean
Registration No. 36,448
Corning Incorporated
Patent Department
Mail Stop SP-TI-03-1
Corning, NY 14831